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1. Locations: The Explosives Plant is located about 1.8 miles west of ALEKSIN (37°05'E/54°30'N), Tula Oblast, north of the Oka River and the railroad line to KALUGA.

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2. Plant installations: The plant consists of a power factory, a spirit factory, the objects 472 and 473, and a power plant. Object No. 472 was heavily guarded. As soon as its construction was completed and the machines installed, PWS were not permitted to enter the workshops.

Object 473 was equipped with two tanks, each 100 feet high and 10 feet in diameter. High streaks of many-colored flames shot out of these tanks when they were put into operation. Several pipelines go from these tanks to other sections of the plant. More than 800 cu.m. of concrete were used for the foundation of each of the two tanks.

Plant No. 3, the powder factory, had five workshops of equal size, interconnected by many pipes, some above ground, others underground. The pipes were corroded from a yellow acid. The workers were continually exposed to a sweet odor, their eyes were burning, and their work clothes were gradually eaten away from the contact with the chemicals. During the summer of 1946 object No. 3 ceased operating for one month and the installation was overhauled.

Object No. 4, the spirits plant, had about 10 buildings of which, according to Soviet statements, only two were operative. It was noticed, during repair of the heating system, that the workshops not in use were completely equipped. From one part of the plant a liquid was shipped in bottles enclosed in wicker-work. From Soviets it was learned that this liquid was 90 percent alcohol. At one time source took a drink of it.

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The power plant, destroyed during the war, was reconstructed in 1945. Two turbines were in operation in 1946, a third one started operating in 1947. Work was started for the installation of three additional turbines. Two of these turbines were to be installed in the turbine house and the third one was to be placed in an annex to the turbine house. The outer wall of the turbine house was opened to connect the annex with the turbine house. The plant has railroad connection with spur tracks leading to several plant departments.

For plant layout of object No. 472 and the power plant see Annexes 2 and 3.

No information was forwarded on the number of personnel working at the plant and its production.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment:

a. The Explosives Plant in ALEKSIN existed before the war, known then under the number "100"

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b. The reported location is nearly correct. The plant is located 1.9 miles southwest of the town center of ALEKSIN.

25X1 The location of the Myshegski Zavod iron plant, formerly known as Petrovski No. 323, listed under B in Annex 1, is also correct.

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c. From a comparison of this report, [REDACTED] it can be seen that the plant which was heavily damaged during the war was essentially rebuilt in its previous form. Department No. 472, located in the northwest part of the area, [REDACTED] must be a completely new installation [REDACTED]

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25X1 d. The report, the first information received recently on this important chemical plant, is considered to be valuable and credible. Additional information is required concerning the obviously new Department No. 472.

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